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After 36 years, Liz says farewell to hungry pupils!



ABOVE: Liz Taylor is joined by Cowbridge pupils at her retirement presentation, with Carole Tyley of the Vale Council catering service (second left) and Jess Cooper.

IT WAS AN emotional day for Cowbridge Comprehensive School dinner lady Liz Taylor last week.

It was on Friday that she retired, after 36 years unbroken service in the school canteen, and there were congratulations and fond farewells from staff and pupils.

Liz was also submerged under several bouquets of flowers!

Hilary Evans told The GEM: "Liz has

looked after thousands of children over the years, and will be greatly missed at the start of next term when the school moves into new premises.

"She is looking forward to a long and healthy retirement, looking after her garden and supporting Glamorgan, and England cricket on TV."

Liz said that school meals had changed over the years: "It used to be meat and two veg every day.

"Now, the meals are much more varied."

She added, however, that old favourites such as suet pudding and custard still make an occasional appearance!

Liz added that the great enjoyment in her job over the 36 years had been seeing the children every day, and watching them pass through the school and grow up.

That was true on a more personal level as well, as her son Julian was a former pupil - finishing his time at the school 24 years ago!

PHILIP IRWIN

PHILIP IRWIN reports on a shock revelation in Cowbridge

Anger as 'one third' of Old Hall Gardens is sold off by health trust

CONSERVATION groups in Cowbridge are deeply concerned after discovering that the Vale Council no longer owns about 30 per cent of the Old Hall Grounds.

As volunteers are busy at the moment with a grant-aided project to completely revamp those grounds, many have been shocked to discover that land adjacent to the health centre will soon pass into private hands.

The health centre has been on the market for some time now, as the GPs' practice based there will be moving to new premises.

The land in question is bordered by the footpath which passes between the health centre and the library and then goes to the town walls.

The building is being sold by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Hospital Trust, and the agents for the trust are Watts and Morgan.

Earlier in the week, speculation was rife that the new owners of the building would be a nursery that might want to fence off an outdoor play area.

When The GEM spoke to Dyfed Miles of Watts and Morgan, he indicated that he had already received a number of calls from "concerned Cowbridge residents". He added that commercial confidentiality meant that what he could say was limited.

However, he said: "I can confirm that we hope to exchange contracts in the next two weeks, and I believe that the purchaser will then put up a board to explain what is planned."

He added: "The building is in a conservation area, and any proposals would have to be passed by the Vale Council."

One rumour that angered local conservationists was that the Vale Council had handed over the land to ABM Trust to "make the sale happen".

This was strongly denied by the Vale Council in a statement

given to The GEM. The council said that legislation had obliged the local authority at the time to hand over the land, although the formal transfer only happened in 2007.

The statement read: "Following the reorganisation of the National Health Service in 1973, local authorities were legally obliged to transfer to the relevant local health authorities all property held by them for the purposes of health functions.

"Unfortunately, at the time of re-organisation in 1973/74, no documents were drawn up to formally transfer the land to then South Glamorgan Health Authority.

"The position was regularised in 2007 when the land was formally



LEFT:
The area enclosed in red will pass to the new owners of the health centre.

Old Hall's Georgian facade and improve its grounds are now being implemented following public consultation.

"Cowbridge is under-provided with green open space, and we believe the new owners must be made fully aware that the future use of the entire site should reflect both its unique environment and its current use by the community."

She added that the land represented one third of the available public open space in the Old Hall Gardens.

transferred to the Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust as statutory successors in title."

However, the conservation volunteers are still concerned, and want the new owners to be in no doubt about their feelings.

Linda Osborn, of the Charter Trust, said: "The town walls were very recently restored, making good many years of neglect, and plans to restore

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'What is the point of sorting refuse?'

IN response to the letter headed 'Does our rubbish get recycled?' in last week's GEM, we live in St Athan village, which I do not find extremely rural.

However, last week I was horrified to see that ours and the whole street's food waste bins were emptied into the lorry which was collecting the land fill waste, at the same time. This was then all mashed up together.

The same thing has

occurred with our cardboard and plastic on several occasions. I am now getting to the point of saying why do I bother with this very messy time consuming task? I personally do not see that it would be possible or healthy for somebody to sift through landfill waste to retrieve food waste for composting!

If they request householders to recycle and reduce, don't you think that the Vale Council need to be seen to do the same?
(Name and address supplied)

Pupils underline pride in the town

ON behalf of the Llantwit Major Local History Society, may I offer our warmest congratulations to year-6 at Eagleswell Primary School on their superb achievement in winning a major prize in the Welsh heritage schools' initiative competition.

The award of £1,000, sponsored by Admiral Insurance, was fully merited and resulted from a detailed study of life in Victorian Llantwit Major, particularly the day-to-day activities of the family and servants at The Ham.

This is the second year running that

Eagleswell have won an award in this prestigious competition, which receives support from royalty and politicians, and the Llantwit Major Local History Society has been only too delighted to make archive material available for the children to study.

The quality of their work bodes well for the future and we hope that it will ignite an interest in history which will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

It also shows that Llantwit Major has a heritage of its own without the need to import spurious connections and that it should be celebrated with pride.
Nigel Williams, Chairman, Llantwit Major Local History Society

BHF group's thanks

COWBRIDGE British Heart Foundation group would like to thank all those who attended the strawberry tea at the Athletic Club for their loyal support.

There was an excellent turn-out, despite the inclement weather, and a good time was had by all.

Sincere thanks to Tesco Cowbridge for their very generous donations, which helped to make the day a great success
Lynne Mulcahy, secretary

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MUSEUMS: a source of revenue, or inspiration for a civilised society?

PEOPLE who share my perception, see museums as the repositories of the heritage of mankind, the inheritance of all our children.

Museums should be an inspiration to children and adults alike, to make greater knowledge interesting and available, and explain the past on which we shall build a better tomorrow.

They are the foundation of our civilisation, and all of us, our nation, benefit, from every visit to a museum by any family in the land.

The government of Mrs Thatcher saw museums as a source of revenue, charging each family to visit their inheritance; but Labour made

entrance to museums free – as it always had been – to encourage children towards more knowledge and a pride in the achievements of all mankind, and of Wales.

You could scarcely find a larger gulf of understanding between two political parties, of what civilisation stands for.

Many of 'Thatcher's children' are parents themselves now, who may take their children to Tesco or to a football match, yet do not recognise any parental duty to take them to the local museum.

Presumably 50 per cent of Glamorgan parents who never take their children to the national museum in Cardiff will be quite indifferent when Mr Cameron re-introduces museum charges, declaring, "there is no

alternative."

So another generation will be condemned to mindless, anti-social ignorance – who resent the wonder and delight of learning, and the desire to know, which is inherent in all children – provided that it is encouraged.

Beyond the realms of politics completely, this huge distinction of perception divides our society into two viewpoints: that a museum represents the best of what we are, civilised thoughtful people – or that market forces tell us it is another way to get money out of suckers, and prevent

poor children and their families ever reaching their potential – who may well be the ones who need museums most.

This is Chutzpah on a monumental scale, that Conservatives create ignorance in children, because of their worship of market forces, and then condemn the consequences of their own financial policies, in the wasted lives of a new generation.

Charges for museums have not yet returned, but would anyone wish to lay bets on it?
Neville Westerman, Brynna

Boys celebrate

THE Boys Brigade 2nd Llantwit

Major Company will be celebrating 25 years at Tabernacle Presbyterian on Sunday, August 15.

The service, which will be led by the NCOs of the company, will begin at 11am.

All 'Old Boys' will be welcome at this service and are requested to contact Andy Wellsbury on 01446 796374 in order to attend the service and the barbecue that will

follow. If possible, could 'old boys' in the area contact any other 'old boys' they are still in contact with, but have moved away.

● May I, through The GEM, thank the people of Cowbridge for their generosity, and the collectors for their help, in raising £242.31 on our recent flag day in Cowbridge.

This money will be used for the benefit of the boys of the 2nd Llantwit Major Company.
Andy Wellsbury, Llantwit Major

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 29)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
22 Thur	03.59	7.8	16.39	8.0
23 Fri	05.08	8.1	17.36	8.4
24 Sat	06.07	8.4	18.29	8.8
25 Sun	06.54	8.6	19.06	9.1
26 Mon	07.31	8.9	19.51	9.3
27 Tues	08.09	9.0	20.22	9.4
28 Wed	08.41	9.2	20.55	9.5
29 Thur	09.10	9.2	21.24	9.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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ABOVE: The headmistress of Pendoylan Primary School, Mrs Lyn Murray and Mr Philip Latham receive cheques from 'friends' committee members Judith Morris, Mary Walters, Janine Rees and Jeanne Bear. PHOTOGRAPH BY IAN JOHNSON

Local 'friends' divide prize funds between Pendoylan School and the community

DURING the summer term, The Friends of Pendoylan Primary School held a grand prize draw, raising a total of £1,860.

It was decided to split the proceeds between the school and the community, and the charity of

choice was Velindre Cancer Charity, a cause very close to the heart of school governor, Mr Philip Latham, who kindly donated a week's holiday accommodation in west Wales as first prize in the draw.

Mr Latham will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro (a height of

19340ft) in Africa, later this year on behalf of Velindre Cancer Charity, one of the main cancer and research charities in Wales.

His climb will take place in September, a week after the Welsh captains' climb, which is taking place on behalf of the same charity.

Consultation due soon on St Nicholas housing

A low-cost housing development has been proposed in the village of St Nicholas.

A spokeswoman for Newydd Housing Association said:

"The development in St Nicholas, currently at an early stage, will assist local people to overcome the challenges of affordable housing in rural areas.

"It is envisaged that the scheme could provide



up to 14 much-needed low cost houses and flats in St. Nicholas.

"These high quality new homes will be available for rent and sale to people in the local area, or to those with a local connection and looking to move back into the community."

The housing association is to show its proposals at a public consultation on July 29.

The drop-in event will be held at St Nicholas Church Hall, between the hours of 10am and 1pm, and 4pm and 7pm.

Local residents will have an opportunity to view a 3D model of the proposed development

ABOVE: People in St Nicholas will be able to learn more about a proposed development in their community

and have an opportunity to share their views with members of staff from Newydd Housing Association.

For further information on the consultation event or the development, Newydd Housing Association can be contacted by emailing enquiries@newydd.co.uk

Members hear glittering talk on the power of precious stones

PRESIDENT Rhianon Gaen chaired the July meeting of Southerndown WI and immediately introduced the speaker before any other business.

Mr Bruce Hawkins gave a talk with slides about diamonds. Glamour, value, luxury, rarity, expense – diamonds can be associated with all of these. Diamond means eternity, is the hardest substance (carbon) known to man, cannot be crushed and holds its value.

Diamonds are found in various parts of the world, curiously not in US nor in south Wales where surely there have been watchful exca-

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vators. they are mined in extreme and often diabolical conditions.

Most of the larger diamonds are from Africa, the largest known in the world being the Cullinan diamond, a 3,000 carat gem. One carat equals 200 millg.

These priceless gems can be seen in the British Crown Jewels collection – referred to by the royal family as 'grandma's chips' – some equally precious examples are in the Kremlin.

diamonds might be a girl's best friend, but they can be said to be the good friends of gangsters and gunmen because they help to

maintain their lifestyles.

It is perhaps worth mentioning that the only known pair of identical diamonds are earrings belonging to the Queen.

There will be a charity afternoon tea on July 28 at the home of Wilma Lock in Southerndown, 2pm-4pm. This is an ACWW 'Light a candle' event in aid of Indian women enterprises. Usual stalls, everyone welcome.

There is no meeting in August and the next monthly meeting is on September 9 at St Brides Major church hall, 7.15pm. Belinda Ashong will be enlightening and educating members about 'Our Heritage Coast'.

Graphic talk on designer Clarice

THE July meeting of Ystradowen and District WI took place in the village hall, when president Val Owen introduced

Marjorie Page, the speaker for the evening.

Marjorie gave a very enlightening talk on the life of Clarice Cliff, a woman ahead of her time.

She was born in 1899, in the potteries area of Staffordshire, where her father worked.

Very early on in her school life, she showed great talent for drawing, and in particular for colour and design. At 13, she took an apprenticeship in a factory in the potteries.

In 1916 aged 17, her talent was noticed by Collin Shorter, the marketing director and member of the family that owned the factory.

He was a huge influence on her career, and they formed a life long relationship, although Mr Shorter was a married man.

Clarice Cliff's distinctive bright colours and daring designs fitted well into the 20s era.

Clarice also had a talent for marketing and when the depression hit the country in the 1930s she did develop more traditional styles.

In 1927 she completed training as a designer at the Royal College of Art in London, the year women won the right to vote.

In 1931 she became arts director at the factory and bought her own house.

In 1939, Collin's wife died and they married and moved to his family manor house in Shropshire.

Clarice carried on developing her unique styles and designs for pottery which is even now a collectors' item. Collin died in 1967 and she remained in his family home until her death in 1972.

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Y Bont Faen school project for talented young Vale artists

RIGHT: Some of the talented pupils who gathered at Y Bont Faen to show off their artistic skills.



MR LLOYD, deputy head of Y Bont Faen Primary School, was very busy during the last week of term, promoting 'The Commonwealth' at Y Bont Faen Primary – and if all those efforts were not enough, the enthusiastic art teacher dreamt up another scheme for the pupils to enjoy!

After a meeting with other deputy heads throughout the Vale, Mr Lloyd decided to run an art workshop and exhibition for the more able pupils from all Vale primary schools.

The curriculum is designed to look after the needs of children of all abilities – differentiating for those children with special needs and challenging those children with all sorts of talents from sports to art, to the core subjects we teach every day.

So he extended an invitation to 20 schools in the Vale to join him at Y Bont Faen for a special workshop to celebrate those children who are gifted at art.

He prepared a whole day's work based on



blending and mixing colours using tonal, vivid and vibrant colours, and looking at pen and ink perspective in architectural drawings.

The children got a chance to work with other talented children from our neighbouring Vale schools, sharing ideas and skills.

The children involved, ranged from year-4 to year-6 and they produced some lovely drawings and the day culminated in a project 'A Vision of a Comet' using the instruc-

tion that they had received during the day to create some very different but beautiful pieces of art work.

Locally, there were representatives from Llanfair, Llangan, St Andrews, Llancarfan, Llansannor, St Davids and Y Bont Faen itself; Mr Lloyd even enlisted help from an American colleague, Mrs Dietler, who taught art in Aberystwyth to Keystage 3 and 4 children.

The children's work was then mounted for display to show the proud parents at the end of the day.

The comets were very impressive, as were the pen and ink drawings! Both the children and the parents were very proud of their achievements!

Well done Mr Lloyd for working with our community – extending a huge welcome from the Y Bont Faen family to all our surrounding schools, and allowing all the children to exchange ideas and work together, as most of them will eventually feed into the same comprehensive schools!

JAYNE MORRIS

Further information and tickets are available from Dr and Mrs T Jones, telephone 029 2062 8696; or email gandt88@hotmail.com

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50th 'birthday'

THE 50th birthday party for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research was held in some style on Saturday, July 10 at Ystradowen Village Hall.

Guests were able to partake of a traditional afternoon tea with a variety of sandwiches, home-made cakes and a choice of beverages.

The event was attended by approximately 90 people and all were treated to a recital from pianist Sally Tarlton and excerpts from various operas performed by Anne Braley.

The afternoon raised approximately £800 for further research into the treatment of blood cancers.

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Charity golf
THE recent charity golf tournament organised by the Bridgend Rotary Club, raised the magnificent sum of £3,500.

This will be divided, with £1,750 being donated to the Sandville Centre, Porthcawl, and £1,750 going to the Noah's Ark Appeal.

Celebration

TO celebrate the bicentenary of the Rev David Jones, former rector of Llangan from 1768-1810, the Archbishop of Wales, Barry Morgan, will be attending the church on Sunday, August 8 at 6.30pm.

As this is the second Sunday of the month, there will be no morning service at 11.15am.

On August 14, author Rev Brian Higham is giving a talk at 2.30pm in St Canna's, on the life and work of Rev David Jones.

Club closed

THE Young at Heart Club closed on July 15 for the summer recess

COMPREHENSIVE SURVEY IN COWBRIDGE...

Pupils take to the streets to quiz the local shoppers

RIGHT:

Local people were quizzed by students on where they did their weekly shopping.

HOW many planets are we living on? That was the question posed by pupils from Cowbridge Comprehensive who took part in a recent survey in the town.

The year-9 ESDGC (education in sustainable development and global citizenship) project, saw Transition Cowbridge host the students for two days.

They sent them out onto the streets of Cowbridge to ask local people where they purchased their food, how they travelled and how they dealt with their waste.

They were also taken to Pencoed Growers and Oaklands Organics to see how local food is produced for farmers' markets and organic meat and vegetable box schemes.

They saw how one member of the Transition group has transformed his back garden into a

vegetable patch, supplying much of his family's daily requirements.

Rob McGhee, of the Transition group, said: "The students did a great job with the survey and it gave us a small snapshot of Cowbridge's ecological footprint."

"The Welsh Assembly has estimated that, as a whole, Wales' footprint requires 2.7 planets, but we discovered that the majority of those surveyed in Cowbridge need 4 to 6.3 planets to resource their lives."

"This is clearly unsustainable and we need to find ways to bring ourselves back to one-planet living."

"The students came up with lots of ideas for themselves, including a local food shop in every village, supporting local farmers, allotment classes, community orchards, neighbours sharing their own produce, electric charging stations for cars and a Cowbridge wind-farm," Mr McGhee concluded.

'Can we ask you where you shop?'



GIRL STUDENTS COMPARE THE DATA



ABOVE:
The survey provided a snapshot of Cowbridge's ecological footprint.

Ysgol Iolo scores a high tech mark

CHILDREN at Ysgol Iolo Morganwg are at the forefront of information and communications technology (ICT) to enhance their school work.

Following an extensive external assessment Ysgol Iolo has been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark by Becta, the government-funded body promoting the use of ICT in Britain's schools and colleges.

The award recognises the Cowbridge school's success in developing the strategic use of ICT in both administration and across the curriculum.

Parents will have proof that their children are attending a school at the forefront of modern technology, said Jenny Hillier of Vale of Glamorgan LEA.

She added: "The authority is determined that all local children will have the best opportunity to excel in the jobs market of the future. Ysgol Iolo Morganwg should be congratulated on a

wonderful achievement. This demonstrates the excellent ICT management and teaching that is taking place in local schools."

Head teacher Dylan Evans commented: "We are delighted to be awarded the ICT Mark."

"The work has been led by ICT subject leader and deputy head, Mrs Farleigh and she recognises our positive approach to ICT and the benefits it is bringing to our children."

"We believe that ICT can be used in every aspect of learning and that it is essential our children are equipped for the modern world."

"The most recent use of podcasting and video

editing has ensured that children are using technology effectively and ensuring that the local community can view the work on-line."

"Parents can access all this work at www.ysgol-iolomorganwg.co.uk."

Niel McLean, executive director for Schools and Families at Becta pointed out: "Ysgol Iolo Morganwg thoroughly deserve the accolade of an ICT mark."

"They clearly demonstrate how important it is to take a holistic approach to using ICT in schools."

"Their investment in new technology has contributed to substantial improvements in learning."

Pupils helping the (wildflower) meadows bloom

WILDFLOWERS at Bryngarw Country Park, Brynmyn, Bridgend are blooming in the meadows and woodlands - thanks to pupils from Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

The visit to the park was to learn all about the important conservation work carried out by the rangers.

After an introductory tour of the park, the pupils and teachers took part in hands-on conservation work, by assisting the rangers in a 'bracken bash' in the wildflower meadow.

Ranger Dan Lock explained: "Bracken is a highly-invasive plant which has begun encroaching on the meadows' margins."

"Here it chokes out the delicate wildflowers and can quickly overwhelm large areas. It has

the potential to be a real problem, but with a few good sticks and lots of enthusiasm, the pupils have managed to make a real difference for the good of the meadow!"

"More than 97 per cent of the UK's wildflower grasslands have been lost in the last century, due to changes in land use and management."

"These habitats are vital to our native wildflowers, as well as to the bees and other insects which depend upon them."

"As well as being of crucial importance to insects and other animals, these wildflowers are part of our cultural heritage and were once held in much higher regard than they are today."

"Learning more about some of our common native plants can help re-forge that connection between people and nature to the benefit of both," he explained.

Hints for branch on restoring the family heirlooms

LLANBLETHIAN WI NEWS

THERE was a good turn-out in the newly-refurbished Llanblethian Church Hall when Mrs. Sheena Serjeant reported on the annual meeting of the National Federation of Women's Institutes.

It was held in Cardiff International Arena, and the Women's Institute's national resolution this year was to ask HM Government to introduce clear and mandatory country of origin labelling on all meat, poultry and fish products sold in this country.

Delegates voted in

favour of this resolution and it was passed by a huge majority.

Guest speaker Mr Ian Hyden explained the principles and demonstrated some of the techniques of furniture restoration.

Members scribbled notes on how to deal with water marks, dents and scratches on their family heirlooms.

After tea, the Pennies For Friendship exhibits were judged and Gillian Powell's blue garter raised the most money.

August is our month off, so we meet again on September 9 when 'H' will be the magic letter for our competition. GLT

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 122 (2A) LAND AT THE REAR OF HIGH STREET SCHOOL, BARRY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to appropriate land having an area of approximately 928m² to the rear of High Street Primary School, Barry and which is currently under the control of the Council's Housing Department as an amenity/open space area to the Council's Learning & Development Department for educational purposes. The land will be used by pupils attending High Street Primary School as an additional play area.

A plan identifying the land may be examined at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry during normal office hours.

Objections to the intended appropriation must be made in writing, stating the grounds for such objection and addressed to Mark Haynes, School Organisation & Access Officer, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Learning & Development, Kendrick Road, Barry CF62 8 BF by no later than 12th August 2010.

Dated the 22nd day of July 2010

Director of Legal Public Protection and Housing Services

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 1972 ADUAN 122 (2A) TIR WRTH GEFN YSGOL STRYD FAWR Y BARRI

HYSBYSIR drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn bwriadu meddiannu rhyw 928m² o dir wrth gefn Ysgol Gynradd Stryd Fawr y Barri sydd ar hyn o bryd o dan reolaeth Adran Dysgu a Datblygu'r Cyngor ac yn cael ei ddefnyddio gan yr adran honno fel ardal wynderau/ man agored i ddibenion addysgol.

Bydd y tir yn cael ei ddefnyddio gan ddisgyblion Ysgol Gynradd y Stryd Fawr fel man chwarae ychwanegol. Mae cynllun sy'n dangos y tir dan sylw ar gael i'w archwilio yn Swyddfeydd Dinesig Heol Holton y Barri yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa.

Os hoffech wrthwynebu'r bwriad hwn i feddiannu tir, dylech anfon llythyr at Mark Haynes, Rheolwr Mynediad a Threfniant Ysgolion, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Dysgu a Datblygu, Heol Kendrick, y Barri CF62 8 BF erbyn 12 Awst 2010.

Dyddiedig 22 Gorffennaf 2010

Cyfarwyddwr Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol, Amddiffyn y Cyhoedd a Thai

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (CHURCHILL TERRACE, BARRY) (DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE) ORDER 2010

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and pursuant to Part IV of Schedule 9 of and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to create a disabled persons parking place at the location specified in the Schedule below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref:IF618) in writing by 13 August 2010 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

Proposed Disabled Persons Parking Place

Churchill Terrace, Barry
On its north west side from a point 8 metres south west of its junction with Cardiff Road, for a distance of 6.6 metres south west.

Dated this 22nd day of July 2010

M. Punter,
Head of Visible Services
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

GORCHMYN CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

(CHURCHILL TERRACE, Y BARRI) (MAN PARCIO AR GYFER POBL ANABL) 2010

1. Hysbysir trwy hyn y bydd Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, gan arfer ei bwerau o dan adranau 45, 46 a 53 Ddeddf Rheoli Traffig 1984 (ddiwgledig) ac yn unol â Rhann IV Atodlen 9 a phob p. er galluogi arall, yn gwneud Gorchymyn, er mwyn darparu man parcio ar gyfer pobl anabl yn y lle a nodwyd yn yr Atodlen isod.

2. Cewch weld y cynigion llawn yn y ogyfodiad isod yn ystod oriau arferol swyddfa, a dylech gyfeirio unrhyw wrthwynebiad sydd gennych i'r cynnig i Bernaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy (Ref:IF618) ar ffur llythyr erbyn 13 Awst 2010, gan egluro'ch rhesymau dros ei wrthwynebu.

3. Os oes gennych wrthwynebiad i'r Gorchymyn, cofiwch fod gan y cyhoedd hawl o dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol (Hawl i Wybodaeth) 1985 i weld unrhyw sylwadau sy'n cael eu gwneud, a bod dyletswydd gyfreithiol ar y cyngor i ddarparu ar gyfer hynny.

ATODLEN

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Churchill Terrace, y Barri
Ar ochr ogledd-orllewinol yr heol o fan sydd 8 metr i'r de-orllewin o'r gyffordd â Cardiff Road, am 6.6 metr i gyfeiriad y de-orllewin.

Dyddiedig 22 Gorffennaf 2010

M. Punter,
Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Gweladwy
Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, Canolfan yr Alpau,
Gwenfô. CF5 6AA.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 122 (2A) LAND ADJACENT TO CADOXTON NURSERY SCHOOL, BARRY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council intends to appropriate land having an area of approximately 276m² adjacent to Cadoxton Nursery School, Barry and which is currently designated public open space to the Council's Learning & Development Department for educational purposes.

The land will be incorporated into the Nursery School site and used by pupils attending the Nursery School as an additional play area.

A plan identifying the land may be examined at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry during normal office hours.

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Dated the 22nd day of July 2010

Director of Legal Public Protection and Housing Services

CYNGOR BRO MORGANNWG

DEDDF LLYWODRAETH LEOL 1972 ADUAN 122 (2A) TIR WRTH YMYL YSGOL FEITHRIN TREGATWG Y BARRI

HYSBYSIR drwy hyn fod Cyngor Bro Morgannwg yn bwriadu meddiannu rhyw 276m² o dir wrth ymyl Ysgol Feithrin Tregatwg, y Barri, sydd ar hyn o bryd yn fan ghyhoeddus agored wedi'i neilltuo at ddefnydd Adran Dysgu a Datblygu'r Cyngor i ddibenion addysgol.

Bydd y tir yn dod yn rhan o safle'r Ysgol Feithrin ac yn cael ei ddefnyddio gan ddisgyblion yr ysgol fel man chwarae ychwanegol.

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PAIR TENDED CANNABIS 'FACTORY' IN VALE – COURT TOLD

A Vietnamese man and woman were involved in growing cannabis plants in two houses in the Vale which had a yield with a potential street value of more than one third of a million pounds, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

In one house in Windsor Road, Barry, police found 770 plants growing and just along the road in another house 660 plants, said prosecutor David Thomas.

The potential yield would have resulted in cannabis with a street value of £360,000.

Soa Tran (38) and Hai Tran (29) were each jailed for 20 months.

They had been convicted by Barry Magistrates of producing

cannabis and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Recorder Catherine Brown said: "This is a classic domestic premises cannabis factory."

She said she was satisfied the pair, who had been recruited in London to tend the plants, knew they were involved in an illegal activity.

"With offences of this type, there is a clear need for a deterrent to warn others."

Mr Thomas said that on April 26, the police went to a house in Windsor Road where they believed cannabis was being grown.

The two defendants ran into a rear garden and were detained.

That house was searched and cannabis plants were found. Hai Tran had the key to another

house where more plants were being grown.

"They were significant operations with diverted electric supplies and watering and heating systems," said Mr Thomas.

Hai Tran said she had met someone in London who offered her £2,000 to tend what she believed were Chinese medicinal plants. The money would be used to fly back to Vietnam.

Soa Tran accepted they were cannabis plants and he had been offered £600 per week.

David Purnell, for Hai Tran, said she came to the UK illegally because of desperate economic circumstances.

Kevin Seal, for Soa Tran, said he had been in Barry 10 days. Neither defendant, he added, had received any money.

AJ SICLUNA

Local teens get active (or would do if they knew what was on offer in area)

SARAH and Steve Lewis are two very impressive people; despite both having full-time jobs, they still find time to run the Duke of Edinburgh Award on Wednesdays, along with taking part in other community-based activities, such as discussion sessions for young people, at Cowbridge Community Centre.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has four sections, which include improving physical fitness, volunteer work, a camping expedition, and work on a hobby of choice.

The participants have to be at least 14 years old, and the Duke of Edinburgh Award must be completed by age 25.

Much of the Duke of Edinburgh Award consists of individual activities that participants do alone, which involves an assessor signing a record book to show that the participant has completed the section.



However, there is an expedition section. This is where Sarah and Steve come in. For this section, participants are involved in map reading and creating route cards, and also learn the basics of First Aid.

The actual expedition consists of a two-day long walk, including camping. This is the

aspect most enjoyed by the participants, as they enjoy the scenery and the opportunity to spend time with friends.

The sports section of the award is also popular, due to the flexibility allowed in the choice of activities – participants do not have to choose a competitive sport but rather can select any physical activity, such as dance.

They also feel that it is useful because it will look good on CVs and university applications. The Duke of Edinburgh Award takes a lot of effort to achieve, with participants taking not weeks but months to complete everything.

Not everyone completes the scheme – out of 50 participants who completed the first expedition, only 15 continued on to complete the award. Because there is so much involved in the Duke of Edinburgh scheme, some may be put off, especially young people who are nearing their school exams.

However, the Duke of Edinburgh does not have to be completed all at once – some participants postpone doing their tenure at university – and the flexibility of the award means that everyone's experience will be different, with participants taking part in all manner of activities, from badminton to clay pigeon shooting.

Participants and organisers of the scheme feel that there should be more activities available for young people in the Cowbridge area. Although the commu-

nity centre offers a wide range of activities (including a climbing wall), Steve says that while there are many activities for teenagers, there are not enough activities for people in the 10 to 12 year age range.

Participants of the award agree, saying that they would prefer there were more outdoor activities available, or even just facilities, such as a football pitch.

However, the thing that was most consistently mentioned was Cowbridge's lack of a swimming pool – no one likes the idea of having to travel to another town in order to go swimming.

Steve says he enjoys organising the Duke of Edinburgh award because young people enjoy it. He also believes it's important for young people to be active and spend time out of doors.

"The paperwork's quite hard," he says. "The organisation's hard, but it's rewarding."

There does seem to be a lack of activities in Cowbridge. Despite there being a reasonable number of activities available, not many are necessarily outdoor activities, and a swimming pool in the town would no doubt encourage more exercise; but it also seems that many activities are simply not known about or publicized.

However, activities for younger people can be searched for on www.swoosh.me.uk/.

TANYA BHANAUT
The writer of this article is a pupil at the Cowbridge Comprehensive School

RIGHT:
Glan Williams (PE) presenting the Swantek trophy to the victorious old pupils team of Rhydian Harris, David Taylor and Joe Frampton.



Former pupils claim the school's golf day prize

THE annual Cowbridge Comprehensive School golf day was held at the delightful and excellently-presented MoD St Athan golf course.

There was a much smaller turnout than usual, due to international call-ups and various other commitments.

However, the usual format of teams contesting for the SWANTEK CUP was maintained, with teams from the staff, pupils and old pupils taking part. Once again, we thank NFU Mutual of Cowbridge for sponsoring the event and provid-



Huw Williams (third), winner Bob Lewis and second place Joe Frampton.

ing excellent prizes. The greens were of exceptional standard, providing good returns on the various cards. The team event was won with the best total of four individual stableford points, which was achieved by the former pupils with 129 points from, in sec-

ond, pupils 124 and staff 121. The best individual score was by Bob Lewis (staff) 37 points on a better back-nine from Joe Frampton (old pupil), and in third, our newest schoolboy international Huw Williams with 35 points.

The pot was won by Tom Williams (pupil). Nearest the pin on the sixth was won by Billy Watham (staff), on the 16th David Taylor (old pupil). The longest drive was won by Tom Williams, just short of 300 yards into a stiff breeze. HW

Local allotment holders gather to honour friend

OBSERVERS will have wondered what the occasion was last Saturday, when a group of well-dressed people met at the allotments off Cae Rex, disarding their normal gardening clothes.

They were there for the dedication of a seat in honour of David Magnay, chairman of the Cowbridge Allotment Association, who sadly



LEFT: Mrs Georgina Magnay on the commemorative seat with daughter Claire and granddaughter Charlotte.

died last year. He had tended his allotment for many years, producing vegetables of great quality. Shortly before he died, his prowess led HTV to ask

him to present a short programme of gardening tips which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Such was the esteem he was held in by fellow allotment holders that all

were present for the dedication, together with husbands and wives, as well as his widow Georgina Magnay and members of his family. The ensuing barbecue and many stories told of David on the day was a fitting tribute to one of Cowbridge's true gentlemen. RD

The life of Dylan Thomas recalled by lady of Laugharne

MERTHYR MAWR WI NEWS

PRESIDENT Margaret Batten welcomed members to the July meeting and introduced the speaker for the evening – Sheila Lowe, who described her work for the tourist board as a guide at the Boat House in Laugharne.

She talked about Dylan Thomas's life, his time with Caitlin and his writings. Her excellent and fascinating talk was illustrated with readings from some of his works most notably *Under Milk Wood*. Pat McHugh thanked the speaker.

Last month, several

members attended the link meeting hosted by Colwinston WI. They enjoyed a quiz and a novel form of 'pass the parcel'. The next link meeting will be in October when the host institute will be Penllyn.

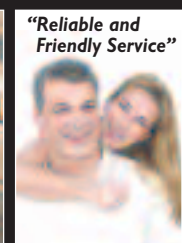
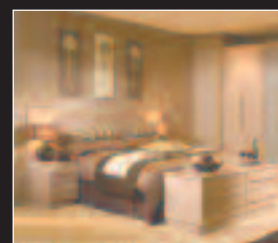
We were lucky to have very good weather for our visit to the Wetlands at Machynys. It was a good day to walk around and enjoy the wild life and followed by lunch at Machynys Golf Club.

The next meeting will be on August 4 at Ewenny Community Hall, when members will hold the summer dinner to celebrate Merthyr Mawr WI's 80th birthday.

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CHILDREN'S EFFORTS IN THE GARDEN IMPRESS BEST KEPT VILLAGE JUDGES



Pictures by
RICHARD SKINNER



THE Vale Best Kept Village children's competition is now so popular (almost 20 schools competed this year), that a separate prizegiving was arranged for them at Dyffryn Gardens, where after the presentation and awards, 75 children and teachers sat down to tea.

It must have been good, because they did not need any urging to go back for seconds and very little was left!

The nursery section (5 and under) was judged by Pam Robins and Christine Kelly. They were most impressed

with the enthusiasm and commitment of these youngsters and their communication skills in describing their gardening projects.

Their favourite activities were watering (easily top of the list!), bug hunting and eating the fruit and vegetables they had grown.

Jamie Oliver - eat your heart out, the children of the Vale of Glamorgan know their beetroot from their runner beans, and enjoy eating them.

Some of the fruit and vegetables produced would be the envy of any gardener, particularly runner beans in one school, carrots in another and the range of fruit and herbs in several schools.

Some notable features were a Prayer garden, and a recycled paddling pool making a well planted pond. The 'Bug Hotels and Mansions' were great, as were the Sensory Gardens, and were illustrated with imaginative art work.

There was an excellent Dig for Victory garden and one school's compost could rival Fisons!

It is obvious that the gardening activities go on throughout the year, as shown by snowy photographs in their scrap books. Very little litter was seen and recycling and composting was high on the list of priorities.

Choosing a winner was difficult, as the standard improves each year

and there were only small differences in the marking.

WINNERS
First, Bute Cottage Nursery.
Second, Cadroxton Nursery School.
Third, Peterston Super Ely reception.
Highly Commended, Llandough Nursery.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS
(Judged by Barbara Hodges and Mary Ponting)

The standard was generally high, but there is always room for improvement, and the gardens get better each year. It was obvious that the children were benefiting from their involvement.

Their knowledge of the environment, wildlife and general garden know-how was most impressive. Several criteria were used, including the most important one of first impression as you enter.

A well presented and tidy garden creates a favourable starting point. Use of space is also important. Not all schools are endowed with a large area. Bonus points were given for features such as the wildlife pond, greenhouse etc.

In another area we heard of a greenhouse made of old plastic bottles - something to think about if you do not have enough money to buy one.

Ashgrove School was singled out for commitment and effort, as gardening was helping pupils with mental and physical health and communication skills.

WINNERS
First, St. Andrews Major C in W Primary School.
Second, St. Nicholas C in W Primary School.
Third, Pendoylan C in W Primary School.
Highly Commended, Ashgrove School, Penarth.

It was a memorable day. The children were most impressed with the setting, but the icing on the cake was yet to come. They assembled in the conference room where,

sitting crossed legged on the floor; they were given a demonstration of how to make a scarecrow. They watched with interest, as you could see from their look of rapt attention.

The excitement increased when they were invited to make their own, on a number of tables, already prepared with sticks,essian, straw etc.

This they did with great élan, proudly showing off their product for inspection. They were even more pleased when they were allowed to take home their scarecrow.

Praise must go to the Dyffryn staff of Gerry Donovan, Ceridwen Davies, Sian Donovan and Sandra Crozer for devising and supervising such an exciting end to the festivities. Truly a day these youngsters will remember!

BASIL WATKINS



HOISTING SCARECROW ALOFT!

Anomaly of two speed limits in Vale villages

I'M sure other motorists would agree that the 30 mph speed limit at St Nicholas is a needless inconvenience and is out of place, considering the setting of the village.

It would seem to me that St Nicholas has been offered special treatment in the designation of this speed limit, considering that Bonvilston, of similar size along the A48, has a 40 mph limit, which is far more appropriate.

During rush hour, traffic slowing from the national speed limit down to 30 mph on entering St Nicholas causes needless congestion, which could be avoided if the limit were set to a more reasonable speed.

Furthermore, St

Nicholas is essentially a dormitory commuter village with no amenities located along the A48 through-road, which would explain why on passing through every week-day and on the occasional evening, I have never once witnessed a pedestrian walking along its streets.

It would seem to me that an increase of the speed limit to 40 mph or 50 mph not only would ease traffic congestion and improve everyone's fuel economy, but doing so would not be at the expense of safety.

It's about time that the reasoned views of the commuter are heard and I believe that most would support the views expressed.

J Thomas, Cardiff
Footnote: Do readers have a view on this apparent anomaly? Write to us at the address on page 2.

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Step forward winner No 4!

HIGH Street Traders have announced that the fourth lucky winner in their 2010 monthly prize draw was Wendy John of Barry.

She is seen (right) receiving £100 of High Street shopping vouchers from Ken Hughes, Tony from Tony's Café where she brought the winning ticket, and Sharon George of MJM Computers who organises the High Street raffle.

DJ Mathew Wilson and DJ AJ of Bro



Radio 98.1 FM, drew the winning ticket.

Spokeswoman Sharon George said: "Back by popular demand and to help fund events throughout the year, High Street Traders are holding a

raffle every month. So if you want to be in with a chance to win, pop into any shop displaying the 'Raffle' sign, buy a ticket and who knows, you could be the next lucky winner!"

There are £100 of shopping vouchers to be won every month. The winning ticket will be drawn live on Bro Radio on the 12th of every month after the midday news. Tune into 98.1 FM.

Barrivale Bridge UPDATE

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

Tuesday, June 29.
First, Mark Roderick and Mike Best – 59.38 per cent. Second were Irene Thomas and Graham Jones (58.33) and third were Kay Dyer and Mick Green (54.69).
Handicap winners were Dave Thomas and Tom Kendrick

Tuesday, June 22.
First, Alan Jones and Lyn Matthews (61.11 per cent). Second were Celia Thomas and Huw Thomas with 58.73. In third were Marjorie Morgan and Judith Owen (57.64).

The handicap winners were Marjorie and Judith.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. For more information telephone 01446 733425.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

AT LAST, THE PENNY HAS DROPPED ON BRIDGE TOLLS!

HAVE you seen that episode of Gavin and Stacey where the boys are dashing back to Wales in order to see Nessa's baby being born?

There's a priceless scene where they don't have enough cash to get over the Severn Crossing and so Smithy lifts the barrier with his bare hands.

We've all been there – scrabbling for the right pennies, or even having to make a mighty detour to the nearest cashpoint.

Soon it will no longer be necessary – debit/credit cards are finally going to be accepted in time for the extra visitors making the journey to watch the Ryder Cup this autumn.

This was just one of the announcements I have heard the Government make during the last few busy weeks in Westminster. The inability to pay with a debit or credit card at the Severn Bridge has been an issue for some motorists over the years.



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

Since making the announcement during a Westminster Hall debate, it's become clear that many changes need to be implemented for this payment facility to be possible, and although a tall order, the intention remains to deliver that promise this autumn.

Many of us are of the opinion that the Severn Crossing tolls have a huge impact on our economy locally. Therefore, I'm delighted to that the Welsh Affairs Select Committee has agreed to my request to investigate the impact of the costs of the tolls on the south Wales economy.

The agreement between the toll operators and Government is coming to an end and we need to act beforehand. There is a need to establish the impact on employment, business growth, tourism and the message such a toll sends.

I know of at least one Barry-based haulage firm that has been forced to set-up an operation unit on the other side of the Severn as they look to avoid the additional travel costs – with toll charges currently standing at £16.40 for lorries.

It's clear that these expenses have a significant impact on businesses that cross the bridge regularly.

It's vital that the payment process of the tolls is easy and convenient for all. With the credit/debit card payment equipment being implemented now by the private company who operate the Severn Bridge, scrabbling for coins or making a detour back to service stations with cash-points will, at long last, be a thing of the past.

'VALE COURT HAS A STRONG CASE TO BE KEPT OPEN' – says MP

FOLLOWING a fact-finding visit to the Vale Magistrates Court in Barry last week, Vale MP, Alun Cairns has described it as "a first class facility" with a strong case to remain open.

On June 24, The GEM revealed that the court was under renewed threat after a Ministry of Justice consultation paper recommended closure with cases being heard in Cardiff.

Alun Cairns MP, who is opposing the possible closure, listened to the views of magistrates and staff as well as charities such as Victim Support who operate from the site.

He said: "The Vale Magistrates' Court is a first class facility and handles 6,000 cases a year.

"The cells have been refurbished recently at a cost of £1.5m and meet high safety standards to handle violent offenders. It can be argued that the transfer of offenders is

safer in Barry than in many other courts.

"There is also a separate entrance for witnesses and for defendants, which is not the case in Cardiff, so where cases could be transferred.

"I was advised by Victim Support, who operate from the courts, that this fact is extremely important in order to encourage witnesses to give evidence and not to allow them to be intimidated by offenders, some of whom may have been violent against them.

"Women's Aid

advised me that it could be difficult to get victims of domestic violence to travel to a court further away."

Mr Cairns added: "I also want to highlight the risk that many offenders may not turn up to court in Cardiff, resulting in the need for the police to step in – an additional call on police time and resources.

"The arguments in favour of Barry are strong and I am determined to do all possible to ensure the Court stays open."

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CHRIS NOLAN'S 'INCEPTION' IS A MIND-BENDING, JAW-DROPPING SPECTACLE

CHRIS NOLAN had already established himself as a director par excellence with the likes of *Memento*, *Insomnia*, and his reboot of the Batman franchise, *Batman Begins*.

However, it was with Batman sequel *The Dark Knight* that Nolan really shot up the league, the

mix of outstanding reviews coupled with enough box office to make it (briefly) the second highest grossing film of all time, marking Nolan as a big-time player.

While a third *Batman* outing is currently bubbling under (mooted for a July 2012 release), Nolan aficionados will have to 'make do' with *Inception* in the mean-

time. Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) is a skilled thief, stealing valuable secrets from deep within the subconscious during the dream state. Cobb's ability has made him an important player in this world of corporate espionage, but it has also made him an international fugitive and cost him his family. However, Cobb is offered a shot at clearing his name by Saito (Ken Watanabe), who hires Cobb and his team to plant an idea into the head of rival Robert Fischer Jr (Cillian Murphy).

Hiring student Ariadne (Ellen Page) to construct the dreams for Fischer to fall into, Cobb and his team begin a dangerous game where anything, and anyone, could derail the plan...

The concept for *Inception* couldn't be much more elevated for an apparent summer blockbuster; after all, while many of this summer's efforts are either adaptations of existing properties, or have a synopsis you can write on the back of a matchbox, *Inception* is something far more cerebral and dense - it is also, hands down, the finest film of the year so far.

The omens were, of course, good; after all,

Chris Nolan's critical and commercial stock have never been higher, and the success of *The Dark Knight* afforded him far more freedom in terms of his decisions, but while he could have conjured up a film bloated and excessive, instead he creates a work that is expansive, thoroughly captivating, and visually superb. It is arguably the culmination of what he has achieved so far, the narrative trickery and questions of perception that have been prevalent in his work from the very beginning married to the confidence of his ability in terms of sweeping, grand visuals that made *The Dark Knight* such a triumph.

But Nolan doesn't merely retrace previous achievements, instead combining everything he's done so far and presenting it in such a jaw-dropping manner that you will be astounded.

The level of technical ingenuity on show is quite astonishing. Nolan managing to create some truly inspired set-pieces that highlight just how skilled a director he is.

From the zero gravity battle in a revolving hotel hallway, the film's explosive opening, or the snow-set climax, Nolan's use of real locations and performers cre-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

ates a tangible experience. The film feels utterly realistic, giving these action scenes a realistic feel that is all the more pleasing in this age of CGI overreliance.

His use of colours and shades to indicate different mood and realities is also a neat touch, with both the score and visual feeling echoing the influences of the James Bond films Nolan so loves (how good would a Nolan-directed Bond be and where would he take the character? An intriguing proposition) but again these influences are refracted through Nolan's lens, creating a world that is thoroughly exciting and eye-catching.

Given that this is the

first time Nolan has scripted a film by himself (having previously worked with his brother Jonathan), it would have been easy for him to have fallen into the trap of making the film too dense. Yet despite the subject matter and words such as 'existentialist' being bandied around, at the heart is the familiar tropes of the heist movie; one final job, a man trying to clear his name - though this is far removed from the likes of the *Ocean's* franchise, wearing its brain on its sleeve and conjuring a sleek and highly original take on the genre.

Nolan's never been short of skilled actors willing to work with him, and his first team-up with Leonardo DiCaprio bears fine fruit, the actor maintaining his rich run of form with another excellent turn.

On the surface cool and collected, it is Cobb's inner consciousness that the drama of the character unfolds, and DiCaprio is more than up to the task, providing a performance that is both relaxed yet intense, revealing the layers of Nolan's story slowly and with great care - it is certainly one of the actor's finest turns yet.

Alongside DiCaprio is an excellent cast who do their fair share, from Ellen Page's turn as the eyes of the audience as we learn more about the nature of the 'inception', to Joseph Gordon-Levitt's measured turn as Cobb's right-hand man.

The former takes a character that could have so easily been a cipher and gives it depth and shade, while also proving there is more to her acting ability than the smart-mouth characters she played in *Juno* and *Whip It*. The latter is solid and dependable in a role that requires solidness and dependability.

The remainder of the cast play to perfection, Marion Cotillard, Ken Watanabe and (the outstanding) Tom Hardy all fleshing out Nolan's characters and world and bringing excellent performances with them.

Try as you might, it's hard to pick out flaws in such an outstanding and mind-bending piece of work, the only one being that, to some people expecting a stylistic redux of *The Dark Knight*, this may well be a little too on the 'artistic' side; but for those who are willing to go in expecting their minds to be blown by a director at the top of his game, you will have little issue with

Inception.

VERDICT: An original, epic and grandiose heist movie with lashings of intellect and action, *Inception* is a jaw-dropping piece of work by Chris Nolan. With the likes of Leonardo DiCaprio and Ellen Page offering superb performances, coupled with Nolan's spectacular script and direction, this is arguably the film to beat this year - an instant classic.

Essential viewing.

COFFEE

GENESIS 2 and **Moving On** are holding a **coffee morning** on **Monday, July 26 from 10am-12noon** at **Barry Community Enterprise Centre, Skomer Road, Barry.**

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Out and About with The GEM



MEMORABLE OCCASION

LEFT: Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Colin Osborne and his wife, the Mayoress, Ruby, were joined by Coun Tony Hampton (bottom left), Coun Janice Charles (bottom left), Shelaigh Mayor (Race Equality First) and pupils from Ysgol Gwaun y Nant at the official opening of the Memorable Moments in our Lives exhibition at Art Central.

ART CENTRAL HOSTING PUPILS' EXHIBITION ON LIFETIME THEME

AN exhibition showcasing local primary school pupils' work on the theme of 'birth, marriage and death' has gone on show at the Vale Council's gallery, Art Central.

The exhibition, which

ends this Saturday (July 24) features wall hangings, puppets and sculptures created by pupils from primary schools in the Vale and Cardiff that reflect the birth, marriage and death traditions of south Wales' diverse cultures.

Organised by the Race Equality First charity, the exhibition is the

high point of its 'Memorable Moments in our Lives' project.

Children from years 5-6 have worked with artist Katrina Willis to learn how to use a variety of art forms, share information and explore how different cultures and traditions mark these significant events. The pupils have then

transformed their ideas into pieces of art.

Notable works include depictions of Sikh, Christian and Jewish weddings, a Muslim birth ceremony and puppets of brides and grooms from a range of traditions, as well as sculptures of Egyptian mummies and recreations of soldiers from the Chinese Terracotta Army.

Primary schools that have participated include Barry Island, Cadoxton, Jenner Park, Oak Field and Ysgol Gwaun y Nant; as well as as Kitchener, Mount Stuart, Severn and Willowbrook primary schools, in Cardiff.

Civic couple visit the Nell's Point watchers



The Mayor and Mayoress, with the two deputy managers, Clive Wilton and Terry Ewington.

ON a visit to the National Coastwatch Institution station at Nell's Point, Barry, the Mayor of Barry, Coun Karl Kuhnell and Mayoress Mrs Meryl Kuhnell, observed a 'watch' in progress, which included a demon-

stration of equipment used by watchkeepers.

Both visitors said they were very impressed with the dedication of volunteers who, with the Maritime Coastguard Agency, keep watch on the coastline at this

busy time of year. The recent good weather has seen an increase in incidents watchkeepers have been involved in.

Nell's Point will be holding its annual 'Open Day' this Sunday, July 25.

Sewing Circle's 80-metre bunting!

MEMBERS of the Sewing Circle held at the Linen Cupboard, in Penny Lane, Cowbridge, have offered their support to the town's forthcoming Food and Drink Festival, by cutting and stitching 80 metres of bunting.

Donations of fabric were received prior to the session and a team of keen sewers spent two hours creating the striking flags, which are to be used to highlight Festival activities over the weekend of October 30/31.

Helpers also discussed ways in which the wider community could help and later benefit from their efforts.

To reach our aim of 1km we need help from schools and other community groups. It is so easy to make and we are producing instruction sheets for any interested parties. But also we need lots of fabric - old sheets, clothes, uniforms, curtains, plain or patterned.

Younger kids could decorate the plainer fabric for us and textile groups could practice dyeing techniques. The aim is that lengths will be used to highlight activity areas around Cowbridge and also could be used to direct people to the main site at AJ Car Park.

The festival is offering lengths of bias binding to the first 10 groups

offering help and a competition will be run for the best 10m length. A separate competition for the best 10 decorated flags will run for groups aimed at under 10s.

The bunting is hoped to last for several years and will be made available to other local community events throughout the year, and should add an element of fun to the signage and directions over the festival weekend.

A further session is planned for the sewing circle on September 21 at 10am to which all are welcome - regardless of sewing experience!

If you would like an information sheet, length of binding or some bunting over the festival weekend, please visit The Linen Cupboard or email: info@cowbridge-foodanddrink.org

POLLY WILSON
(Festival organiser)

Talk on shipwrecks

THE Rhosce and District History Society meets at the community hall on Friday, July 30 at 7.30pm.

Maritime historian, Alan Thorne, will give a talk on 'Shipwrecks of the Bristol Channel', covering steam ships, pilot cutters, trows, troop ships, barques and full rigged ships.

Entrance will be free to those who have already joined the society. Visitors are welcome and will be charged £1 for adults and 50p for under-16s.

PLANT SALE

THERE will be a plant sale on Saturday, July 24 in Cowbridge Lesser Town Hall at 10am-12.30pm.

Free entry to all. Interesting and unusual plants grown by members and with specialist nurseries. Teas, coffees and homemade cakes.

Proceeds in aid of the Hardy Plants Society's south Wales group.

PACT meetings

TWYN-YR-ODYN Coffee and Chat meeting will be held at The Horse & Jockey Public House on Tuesday, July 27 at 10.30am.

YSTRADOWN Coffee and Chat meeting, The White Lion public house on August 3 at 11.30am.

ST BRIDES PACT public meeting, St Brides Church Hall on August 4 at 6pm.

LLANDOUGH PACT public meeting, Llandough Memorial Hall on July 26 at 7pm.

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THE annual charity open gardens trail takes place in Penarth this Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25

A spokeswoman said: "We have 11 gardens to view, with eight of those open on the Sunday. A rover ticket (to all gardens) costs £4, and children are free."

Opening times are: Saturday, 10am-6pm, and Sunday 2pm-5pm

Taking part are: 68, Redlands Road; 77 Coleridge Avenue; Waltham House, Bradford Place; 82, Plymouth Road (plants for sale); 135 Plymouth Road; 5, Stanton Way; 1, C o s m e s t o n Cottages, Lavernock Road; 118 Lavernock

Road (plants for sale); 133 Westbourne Road; 123 Westbourne Road; Sully Terrace private allotments between 63-65 Westbourne Road; 16 St Peters Road, Penarth (Sunday only).

It should be noted that four gardens, Waltham House; 82, Plymouth Road; 123, Westbourne Road and the allotments, are open only on Saturday.

At No. 4 Tudor Close, Westbourne Road, there will be tea and coffee, with a homemade cake, and a preserves stall with homegrown produce and plants.

At No 77 Coleridge Avenue, there will be an art exhibition.

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Behind the scenes... work continues into future of Bosch plant

EARLIER this year, the loss of more than 800 jobs at the Bosch plant in Miskin was described as "devastating" for the south Wales area – now an Assembly Member has insisted the future of the site, involving the local community, "must be sorted out".

Andrew Davies, a regional AM, raised the matter with the Business Minister last week, calling for an urgent statement on the future of the site.

He explained: "While it is disappointing that the factory is closing with many job losses, it

is now important that we establish a secure future for the site.

"It is important that there is sufficient consultation with the local community to guarantee a future use which will be of considerable benefit to the local community.

"I would strongly urge the Welsh Assembly Government to engage positively with Bosch and local residents, to ensure public confidence that the local communities will benefit from the future use of the Bosch factory site."

A Welsh Assembly Government spokesman confirmed that a meeting on the site's future had taken place very recently: "Bosch, the Welsh Assembly Government

and the Vale Council have agreed to work together and to review all options available as to the future of the site.

"Only last Thursday, on July 15, we met with representatives from Bosch and the Vale Council to review the site together, exchange ideas on potential uses of the site and agree on a way forward."

Following news of the jobs losses, early in the year, two Welsh delegations went out to Germany to meet Bosch, one comprising of Jane Hutt, Rhodri Morgan and representatives of the workers; and one made up of Conservative AMs.

David Lewis, of the Unite union, who has worked with the works council and the company over the site's future, said he believed the Tory delegation had "embarrassed" the company.

He believed the work being done "behind the scenes" by the Assembly Government was providing the best way forward.

"When the company met Jane Hutt and Rhodri Morgan in the Assembly and in Germany, they were very impressed by their ability to understand what the company was saying – some of the technical issues are not easy to pick up.

"The company has given a commitment to work with them and keep them apprised of the situation."

He added that there was on-going dialogue on the site's future between all the key parties involved.

Jane Hutt, AM for the Vale, told THE GEM:

"Following my visit to Bosch in Stuttgart with Rhodri Morgan AM and regular meetings with the works council, I have been working to secure the best deal for the workforce – to enable them to access 'react funding' from the Welsh Assembly Government for retraining.

"I also submitted a proposal to Bosch chiefs calling for a 'legacy' commitment to its Welsh workforce and in recognition of the £20million public funds invested in Bosch.

"I am pressing for this to be taken forward."

She added: "I am also liaising closely with the Vale Council and Deputy First Minister regarding future economic prospects for the Bosch site to bring new job opportunities for the Bosch workforce."

Ogmore funeral

THE funeral of Mary Pells-Cocks, of Ogmore-by-Sea, will be held at Ogmore Church at 12 noon on Tuesday, July 27.

Aged 94, she had been living with her son in Rhosne and died peacefully in her sleep.

She was well known in the Ogmore area. She and her late husband, Denis Pells-Cocks, who had been head gynaeologist at Bridgend General Hospital, were founders of Ogmore Church.

BEAR HOTEL HELPS BRIDE WIN LUXURY HONEYMOON ABROAD

THE Bear Hotel in Cowbridge was the scene of a wedding with a difference – not only was it Hallowe'en-themed, but all the action was captured as part of Living TV's hit show, Four Weddings.

The show features four brides who attend each others' weddings and secretly mark what they think of the venue, dress, food, and overall presentation.

The winning bride then scoops a luxury honeymoon – and in this case, the delighted winner was Bridgend bride, Samantha Marshall, who held her big day at the 12th century coaching inn on Cowbridge High Street.

In the programme – which recently aired – The Bear Hotel received the highest overall score awarded for food in the entire series, and was also given a top score for the venue.

Brave bride Samantha from Highland in Bridgend, put herself forward for the TV show after becoming a fan during the first series and the thought of winning a dream holiday with her new husband, Lee.

She and her new husband are now set to enjoy an all-expenses-paid luxury honeymoon in Mozambique.

Samantha, who owns her own bridal shop, PinkButterfly Brides, said: "I'd seen the show before and thought it would be a lovely way to document our wedding.

"We got married in Nolton church in Bridgend, which is a stunning church that I walk past every day on my way to work.

"We chose The Bear Hotel because of the high level of service and type of rooms they offered. We specifically wanted separate rooms for the breakfast and evening reception, which not a lot of venues offer.

"I also wanted a large evening room, so people could see all of the entertainment we had planned!"

Guests were certainly well entertained as they enjoyed performances



ABOVE:

Samantha and Lee will honeymoon in Mozambique.

by an Elvis Presley impersonator, Abba tribute act, fire eater, table magician, fortune teller and caricaturist.

Samantha said: "We chose a Hallowe'en theme as it is mine and Lee's favourite time of the year. We love the decorations and all the fun it brings out in people and I knew I could have a fantastic theme surrounding it."

"The wedding coordinators at The Bear were really obliging with regards to the amusing, unusual ideas we had for the day."

Samantha knew about The Bear Hotel as she and her family regularly dine there. She said: "We've never had a bad meal there and knowing my family are big food connoisseurs, this was very important."

"On the day itself, the staff couldn't do enough for us. They did over and above what I had expected of them."

Samantha was the last bride to feature in the show. Speaking of the other three brides' big days, she said: "I can honestly say I enjoyed all the other weddings, but I also knew the attention to detail I had made to my wedding surpassed anything that they had done – to have the others recognise that

by voting our wedding the best was amazing and we can't wait to enjoy our honeymoon.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. I've been running my own bridal shop for two and a half years, personally designing brides' and bridesmaids' dresses, so I deal with weddings every day, and I love it!"

Bear Hotel general manager Sian Bradley said: "We have dealt with many weddings over the years and they're all very special to us but this was a dif-

ferent experience. We all enjoyed it and are, of course, delighted that it was Samantha's dream day.

"We were also over the moon with the scores that the hotel was awarded – we get some great feedback from our brides and guests but this is a real feather in the cap for The Bear."

"We're so pleased that Samantha and Lee will now get to enjoy their dream honeymoon and wish them all the very best for their future together."

MP meets power station bosses at The Commons

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, is to raise two controversial issues when he makes a planned visit to Aberthaw power station.

He recently met managers from RWE npower, which owns the Aberthaw Power Station, at the House of Commons, when the company held a reception in the Churchill Room near the terrace at the House.

Mr Cairns was among a number of MPs attending whose constituencies have links with the firm and said that arrange-

ments are now being made for him to visit the plant, which employs 300 people, and meet the new manager.

He said: "I highlighted the difficult relationship that has existed with the local community originally over the ashpit and, more recently, over the lorries travelling through local villages and around the site."

He added that he would be raising these issues at the meeting and was hoping to champion some local causes which may benefit from the financial support which the firm offers to community groups.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (JENNER ROAD AND ROMILLY ROAD, BARRY) (DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACE) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2010

1. Notice is given that the Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under sections 45, 46 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and pursuant to Part IV of Schedule 9 of and all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the general effect of which is to remove a disabled persons parking place at the location specified in the Schedule below.

2. Full details of the proposals, may be inspected at the address shown below during normal office hours and any objections you may have to this proposal must be submitted to the Head of Visible Services (Ref:IF611) in writing by 13 August 2010 and must contain the grounds upon which you object.

3. Persons objecting to the proposed Order are advised that in view of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 this Council is legally obliged to make any comments received in response to the proposed Order open to public inspection.

SCHEDULE

The following Traffic Regulation Orders are to be amended as follows:

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63 Jenner Road, Barry

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The Vale of Glamorgan Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places) (No. 1) Order 2001, the following paragraph to be deleted from the Schedule:

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M. Punter,
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Vale girl raises £200 for charity



LAST weekend saw the annual 'Race For Life' event take place in Cardiff, to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Cowbridge resident Camilla Beaven, daughter of a LIFT Group member, took part in the event and managed to raise more than £200 for the charity.

The LIFT group would like to congratulate her for taking part in this wonderful event.

LIFT (Life Is For Today) is a voluntary

self-help group which offers support and friendship to those affected by breast cancer in the Vale, and meets regularly in Cowbridge for relaxation therapies, such as Reiki healing, Indian head massage and reflexology.

The LIFT group will next meet on September 8 between 10am-1pm for relaxation therapies, and September 22 between 2pm-4pm for an arts and craft demonstration.

There are no meetings in August, but the group can be contacted on 01446 749756/772843 for further information.

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Will have a new School from September 2010 boasting a number of new facilities that will be available for use by the community.

These include: artificial training pitch, sports hall, dance studio and theatre, to name just a few.

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College students help Spot and Jess round up sheep for shearing!

LOCAL farmer John David, shepherd Ian Rowland and dogs Spot and Jess, were on hand to help Amelia Trust farm manager, Beth John, to round up sheep in time for the annual shearing.

Students from Bridgend College's Pencoe Campus went along to gain experience under the watchful eye of the head of veterinary nursing, Dawn Lyden.

Averaging about 60 seconds to shear each



"Bit off the stomach sir?"

sheep, it was a couple of hours before all the sheep were done and the fleeces bagged up to be taken away.



LEFT: Included in the picture are farm manager Beth John, Dai John, Lorraine Brown, John David, student Pippa Lyden, Diane Lyden, Ian Rowland, Spot, Matthew Beynon, Tristan Clarke, Geraint Jones, and Rachel Beynon.

Wenvoe golfer reaches the pinnacle of women's game

WENVOE Castle Golf Club is both delighted and proud to learn that Tegwen Matthews has been appointed as the captain of Great Britain & Ireland's 2012 Curtis Cup team

Tegwen is an honorary member of the club, in recognition of her outstanding achievements in the world of golf.

Following a highly successful golfing career at both club and national level Tegwen was the first player from Wales to be chosen for the Curtis Cup and played in four successive matches between 1974 and 1980.

More recently, she served as team manager to outgoing captain Mary McKenna. Her team will aim to win back the Curtis Cup from the USA at The Nairn Golf Club,

Scotland, on June 8-10, 2012.

Tegwen, who is the first Curtis Cup captain to hail from Wales, said "I'm thrilled and proud to have been invited to be the next Great Britain & Ireland international team captain, and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

"It's a great honour for me, my family and Welsh golf, and particularly special since the Walker Cup captain, Nigel Edwards, is also Welsh."

Tegwen will also captain the Great Britain & Ireland team which takes on the Continent of Europe in the Vagliano Trophy match next year.

As an international, Tegwen was a member of four winning Vagliano Trophy teams in the 1970s, and the match will be at Royal Porthcawl, where the captain's local at knowledge will be



ABOVE: Tegwen Matthews.

invaluable.

The USA retained the Curtis Cup last month with a 12.5 - 7.5 victory in America.

Tegwen added "Playing in GB&I teams, and most especially the Curtis Cup, was the pinnacle of my golfing career.

"The goal is to win back the Curtis Cup at Nairn, and I will lead the team with pride and commitment."

Tegwen remains in close contact with Wenvoe Castle and recently played in the captain's charity day.

A club spokesman said: "The club wishes her every success in adding yet another highlight to her truly outstanding golfing record."

Wenvoe Castle Golf Club has a very active ladies section and would welcome new members - who knows there may be another Tegwen Matthews waiting in the wings?

A special membership package has just been introduced so why not telephone the club secretary, Nicola Sims, on 02920 594371 for details?

Vale MP aims to 'foster community links' at school

PUPILS and their parents at Oak Field Primary in Barry were recently joined by MP Alun Cairns on a mission to foster closer relationships between the community, parents and pupils.

The Vale MP said that it was "an excellent occasion" when the community came together in a range of activities

from planting herbs and flowers to helping younger children model Play dough.

He commended the acting headteacher and staff for using the school's pivotal role to bring the community together and added: "It was a delight to see relationships between the community and school come still closer and I was delighted to be involved."

Garden thieves

POLICE are warning householders to "take extra security precautions" following thefts of flower baskets from gardens at Barry Island.

Neighbourhood Inspector Louise Davies said: "Garden features often provide an easy target for thieves; residents must be aware that there are thieves operating in the area."

Cases from Vale Magistrates Court at Barry

DENNIS BRACHER (56) of North Walk, Barry, admitted behaviour likely to cause alarm or distress on June 30 at Llanccadle.

He was given a conditional discharge for 12 months.

BENJAMIN RICHARD HALES (24) of Dyfan Road, Barry, admitted assaulting a woman in the town on May 13, grabbing her throat.

He received a 12-week prison sentence suspended for two years.

Magistrates ordered that he pay £200 in compensation.

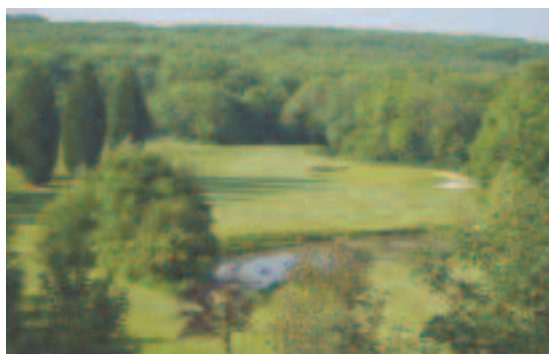
DEAN ELSTON (40) of Clos Peiriant, Barry, admitted behaviour likely to cause alarm or distress on July 3 at Salisbury Road.

He received a conditional discharge for six months, and has to pay £85 prosecution costs.

ANDREW HICKS of Heol y Frenhines, Dinas Powys, admitted driving on April 21 while being unfit through drugs, and being in possession of cannabis, a Class B drug, and diazepam, a Class C drug.

He was banned from driving for 12 months, fined a total of £165 and must pay other costs of £60.

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LOCAL SHOPPING IS THE KEY ELEMENT IN ANY VIBRANT LOCAL ECONOMY

HERE at The GEM, our circulation area spreads over a wide range of communities – from the urban, to the rural, and on

to the coastal.

However, one thing that all these varied towns and villages have in common is the need for a strong local shopping base – a nucleus that can hold a commu-

nity together.

That is why, in this age of internet shopping and identikit superstores, it is so important that shoppers give their local stores a chance.

We are all familiar with supermarket sale tactics. Certain brands of wine are on offer at 50 per cent off (usually £7.99 down to £3.99) and this happens so often that it is only on February 29 that you will find it at the full price.

Similarly, *Which* magazine recently took a number of big stores to task for hiking prices on certain items for a few weeks when demand was expected

to be low – all so that they could then claim to be making big reductions!

It is not a tactic that pays when you are dealing with a local shopkeeper who has a regular client base.

You can fool all of the people some of the time etc, as the saying goes – but you can't fool your regulars!

To test this theory, The GEM took time to wander around a local town and look at the summer sales.

We found genuine reductions in many of the shops, all driven by the approaching new season, and by the need to find room for fresh

stocks that will be arriving in the next month or two.

In fact, one thing that was brought home to me as I visited different shops was the huge choice that independent retailers have to offer.

From ladies' fashions to jewellery, to handbags and then on to furnishings, shoes, hardware items and food, the local trader who is part of his or her community can so often offer a wide choice and a good deal.

It all goes to make local shopping a wise move – and socially responsible too!

PHILIP
IRWIN



LEFT:
These shoes are a gorgeous look for all seasons and are available from Jon Ian.

Joys of local shopping – by a surprised resident!

THE world is changing – local businesses in and around the Vale are busily adapting to serve a new wave of cost conscious, sharp shoppers. There is no doubt that even

customers who have spending power are not prepared to waste money or spend more than is necessary in such uncertain times.

What has become apparent recently is how local independent businesses are modify-

ing their stock to suit a more discerning buyer who still loves 'a great buy'.

Some shops in the Vale of Glamorgan have been labelled in the past as being too expensive for some of the local residents to buy the less essential things in life.

These residents would normally head to the national retail parks, lured in by constant advertising messages that the big brands can afford to bombard us with.

Having recently been tasked with buying a new handbag for a gift (and with out sounding mean), not wanting to spend more than £50...I, too, thought about heading to a typical national fashion chain that sells a great choice and massive volumes; but when it comes to buying something a little 'different' that's where the struggle begins – everyone's got the same!

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Your LOCAL BUSINESS Spotlight...

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So while taking a stroll through Cowbridge High Street one afternoon, I noticed some very attractive handbags in shops I never even knew sold handbags!

I was pleasantly surprised to see on closer inspection just how reasonably priced they were. At the £40 – £50 range, you feel quite justified in buying a couple

each season and recycling them to charity when it's time for a change.

Perhaps, the hardest thing for local businesses to overcome is perception to others, YES the Vale and surrounding areas do cater for the more affluent customers, but take a closer look inside these businesses and the reality is that they are adapting to current times.

The stock is still very individual compared

with the multi nationals.

The whole shopping experience is more pleasant, bumping into friends and people you haven't seen for ages, stopping for an ice-cream and watching the kids having fun in the park.

Local businesses know they have to change to survive and there is no greater motivation for surviving when you have invested your heart, soul and hard cash into your liveli-

hood.

So next time you're about to head off to the city, take a really close look at what is probably available within walking distance and with the money saved on fuel and car parking, you can buy a little treat for yourself instead, and you'll be doing your bit to support the people who make our local towns the special places they are to live.



Above: Designer jeans from Blushbaby and below; pretty summer dresses from Havana, both Cowbridge.



Above: necklace from Ushi Below: Dress from L'amoire. both Cowbridge.



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Caroline and Chris, who have a 16-year-old daughter Robyn, arrived in south Wales from South Africa to start a new life in 2007.

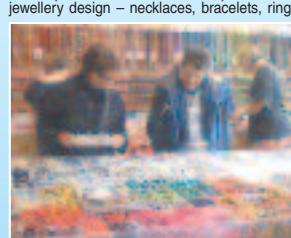
Caroline explained: "We worked for a company in Llandow – and worked well together. When the company decided to relocate we didn't want to leave the area because we'd grown to love Wales."



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Caroline explained that the beauty of the shop is the "tactile experience" and the fact that unlike internet orders, people can check out what they are ordering before they pay and leave.

The couple's clientele is broad, from youngsters transfixed by the look and feel of the beads to trendy teenagers and men and women anxious to create a gift that's original.

The shop opens from Monday to Saturday, and also books jewellery parties in the evenings. "We've held parties for children, and women's groups like WIs and hen parties who want to do something a bit different."

As the couple celebrate the shop's first birthday this week, Caroline says expansion will follow.

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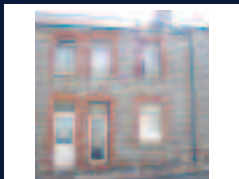
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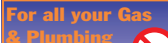
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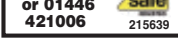
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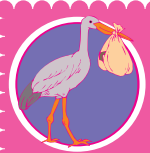
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The Welsh Cwm Cidi is translated as the valley

of the black dog which legend says could be heard howling, even after he had died, but no howling was heard as the group entered Porthkerry Park.

Following the road for a short distance, they climbed up through the woods beside the main Cardiff to Bridgend railway line and a stile led them through the mead-

ow at West Ridge, where there were fine views across to the Somerset coastline and over Porthkerry Bay below them.

A walk along the edge of a field of ripening barley brought them down through the valley beside the Whitelands Brook to the Old Rectory, or Egerton Grey, and crossing a field they began the climb up the old sunken lane to Porthkerry village.

After a brief stop at St Curig's Church, they followed steep pathways through the woods to return for a tour of Porthkerry Park, where local historical sites were pointed out before their return journey back to the pub.

When a reunion of the group was planned to coincide with the Ramblers' 75th celebrations during 2010, the day also happened to be the hottest Saturday so far, but this did not deter 14 walkers from turning up at Wenvoe Community Hall, just raring to go!

Armed with sun hats and cream and plenty of water, they met up with Geraint and his sheep-dog Patch to do a local walk at Wenvoe and Wrinstone.

Meanwhile, preparations were afoot inside the hall before the guests arrived to enjoy afternoon tea later on, and one of the first to arrive was Mina Fairfax with her daughter Janet.

Mina (also known affectionately to the group as 'auntie') did not begin her rambling career until she was 78, following the death of her beloved husband Arthur, and always remarked that joining Ramblers 'had been her salvation' and how marvellous to see her looking so well some 14 years on.

She dedicated a stile to the memory of her husband near where they did their courting, which is now part of the Highlight Trail, and members still tramp across it on their way through the Vale.

It was good to see so many faces from the 'good old days' and renew friendships with walk leaders and members who no longer, for a variety of reasons, walk now.

When the walkers returned from the warm sunshine, they were flushed and hot and glad to sit down and enjoy copious amounts of tea, together with their fellow guests.

Sandwiches, biscuits and cakes were soon devoured and much laughter rang out as funny moments were relived, old photographs were poured over, and those who are no longer with us were fondly remembered.

Thanks go to all who took the time to come along and make the afternoon so special, and especially to Geraint for leading the walk.

Special thanks go to Val, Ann, Lorraine and Janet for the food and their labours in the kitchen, and lastly Jacqueline, for donating her much loved trademark – a jar of aniseed balls!

Finally, a very special thanks from Joy, who upon reaching 'bus pass' age, was serenaded with a rousing chorus of 'Happy Birthday', three cheers, a signed card, and a birthday cake with candles – and only just under three years to go until the group celebrate their 20th birthday.

For other groups' walk log onto www.ramblers.org.uk Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

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Development in Conservation Areas Datblygiad mewn Ardaloedd Cadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00678/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Double storey side extension above existing ground floor
Location/Lleoliad: 4, Maes-Y-Ffynon, Bonvilston
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Bonvilston

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00692/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Replacement of shop front
Location/Lleoliad: Newport House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llantwit Major

Listed Building Consent Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00679/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: Amendments to previously approved conversion and extension of Crawshay House to create 6 flats
Location/Lleoliad: Crawshay House, Hensol Castle Park, Hensol
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade I

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00681/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: New two storey extension to rear (north) side of existing house (on site of existing garage and sitting room). Works to include the demolition of the existing modern flat roof single storey garage and sitting room
Location/Lleoliad: The Lodge, Dimlands Road, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00694/LBC
Proposal/Cynnyg: The provision of a handrail to the existing external steps leading from the driveway up to the front entrance door. The handrail to the upper flight extends to form a barrier rail between personnel and existing full height glazing to the south western flank of the porch.
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Application(s) that may be of General Public Interest Ceisiadau a allai fod o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol i'r Cyhoedd

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00667/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Processing of existing stockpiles and loose material with crushing and screening machinery and removal from site. (renewal of 2009/00544/FUL)
Location/Lleoliad: Argoed Isha Quarry, Llansannor

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00671/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Variation of Condition 27 of approval 2010/00058/FUL - method statement for protecting Great Crested Newts
Location/Lleoliad: Land off Port Road East, Barry (Proposed Crematorium)

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00696/FUL
Proposal/Cynnyg: Re-grading of site, remediation of contamination and construction of link road to Barry Island
Location/Lleoliad: Land at Barry Waterfront adjacent to Dock No. 1, Barry

Application(s) which might affect a Public Right of Way Ceisiadau a allai effeithio ar Hawl Tramwy Cyhoeddus

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Proposal/Cynnyg: Continued use of quarry as a training centre for CPCs operator training.
Location/Lleoliad: Argoed Isha Quarry, Llansannor, Llanharry, Pontyclun

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2010/00667/FUL
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Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 variation of fees for Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences and Private Hire Vehicle/Operator Licences.

Notice is hereby given that The Vale of Glamorgan Council proposes to vary the fees for the grant or renewal of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licences and Private Hire Vehicle/Operators Licences pursuant to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The proposed variations are:

	Present Fee	Proposed Fee
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Licences	1 Year Licence £212.00 6 month licence £125.00 4 month licence £125.00	£230.00 £136.00 £136.00
Transfer of Vehicle	£31.50	£35.00
Private Hire Operators Licence	£203.00 (Annual) £549.00 (3 year)	£225.00 £600.00
Test Fees	£28.00	£35.00
1st test without need for MOT		
Subsequent Re-test	£50.00	£60.00
Cancellation of vehicle test within one working day or non-attendance at test		£45.00
Test resulting from Suspension Notice	£50.00	£60.00
Replacement Door Signs and Window Licence	£5.00 each	£6.00 each
Replacement Plate	£10.00	£12.00
Replacement Paper Licence	£12.00	£12.00

Any objection to the proposed variation of the above fees shall be made in writing/ fax or email and sent to the Director of Legal, Public Protection & Housing Services, Licensing Section, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU, fax 01446 709808, email licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk, within 28 days of this Notice stating the grounds on which it is made.

If no objections are made the proposed fees shall come into operation on 1st September 2010.

The following variation of fees shall come into effect on 1st September 2010:

	Present Fee	Proposed Fee
Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence - 1 year	£66.50	£80.00
Knowledge Test Re-sit		£25.00
Driver Application pack (Hard Copy)		£5.00
Driver Badge - Refundable	£2.50	£3.50
Replacement Driver Badge	£5.00	£7.50
Criminal Records Bureau check (Set by CRB)	£36.00	£36.00
Replacement Paper Licence	£12.00	£12.00

A copy of this Notice has been deposited and may be inspected without charge at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

P H Evans
Director of Legal, Public Protection & Housing Services
Dated: Thursday 22nd July 2010

Deddf Llywodraeth Leol (Darpariaethau Amrywiol) 1976 amrywriad i'r ffoedd ar gyfer Trwyddedau Cerbyd Hacni a Trwyddedau Cerbyd/Gweithredydd Huriu Preifat.

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Yr amrywiadau arfaethedig yw:

	Ffoedd Presennol	Ffoedd Arfaethedig
Trwydded Cerbyd Hacni / Trwydded Cerbyd Huriu Preifat	Trwydded blyddyn £212.00 Trwydded 6 mis £125.00 Trwydded 4 mis £125.00	£230.00 £136.00 £136.00
Trosglwyddo Cerbyd	£31.50	£35.00
Trwydded Gweithredydd Huriu Preifat	£203.00 (Blynyddol)	£225.00
Ffoedd Prawf	£28.00	£35.00
Yr ail prawf heb angen MOT		
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Os nid oes wrthwynebiad, daw'r ffoedd arfaethedig i rym ar y 1af o Fedi 2010.

Mae'r amrywriad canlynol o'r ffoedd yn cymeryd effaith ar y 1af o Fedi 2010:

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Mae copi o'r rhybudd wedi cael ei adnewydd ac ar gael i'w arolygu heb tâl yn Y Swyddffeydd Dinesig, Heol Holton, Y Barri.

P H Evans
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Dyddiad: Dydd Iau 22ain o Gorffennaf 2010

GLAMORGAN FARMERS GOLF SOCIETY

Trevor goes home for winning return



ABOVE: Runner-up Brian Jones, captain Gino Cocco and winner Trevor Wooding.

TREVOR WOODING made a successful return to his local Llantrisant & Pontyclun Golf Club recently when competing in the captain's day competition organised by the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society.

Having joined the club in 1983, where he remained until 1996, Trevor scored an impressive 37-stableford points to collect first prize.

Semi-retired Llantwit Major farmer Brian Jones, with 36 points, finished runner-up, while in third place was veterinary surgeon Mike King with 35 points, with Robert Thomas finishing fourth.

Nearest the pin on the par three holes were Griff Morgan, Raymond Thomas, Trevor Wooding, Dai John and David Williams, who also collect-

ed the 'James the Butcher' sponsored longest drive prize.

Gwyn Thomas' decision to invest in a series of golf lessons from a local professional seems to be paying off, with Gwyn correctly forecasting 39 golf balls would remain out on this well maintained parkland course to collect the 'Premier Turf' sponsored lost ball prize of a bottle of whiskey.

Special thanks to Mrs Audrey Cocco and her team of ladies who provided excellent refreshments at the halfway stage, and also to captain Gino for providing all the prizes.

Society members are now looking forward to the annual pairs' competition for the Maesglas Veterinary Shield, scheduled for Langland Bay Golf Club on Thursday, July 29, and the generous sponsorship of Mr Mike King.

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Sea View lads have good sport at Sully Island

A FEW of the boys fished on Sully Island over high water and had good sport.

Aida Harris won the latest SLAC competition with a nice 5lb-plus bass and a couple of strap eels for a total weight of 14lb.

Jodie Velda was second again, this time with a bass 4lb-plus, and a thornback ray. Apparently the bass died of exhaustion by the time it was reeled in. After Jodie cast out he fell asleep only, to discover the fish had

dragged the 8oz weight back to the shore from the middle of the channel. Micky Langford was third with a strap eel and a few bits.

The 'golden maggot' will be fished in August over the weekend of the 20th, so please check your competition sheets and see the new dates posted online. The next boat trip is Saturday, July 24, there may be a spare place if you book quickly - the last few trips have enjoyed big weights!

Tim's Stratford Sunday winner

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan doesn't believe in letting the grass grow under his feet and at Stratford recently, he landed the novices handicap hurdle with his six-year-old chestnut gelding *Penyfan Dawn* who, under Richard Johnson, scored by three lengths from *Cool Bob*.

A reject of champion trainer Paul Nicholls's yard, *Penyfan Dawn*, who carried top weight of 11st 12lbs, was a 9-1 chance and was some consolation for the narrow defeat earlier in the afternoon of the trainer's *Dead Or Alive* who was beaten a head by the Jonjo O'Neill-trained *Sea Wall*.

BRIAN LEE

Golf day raises £5000 for Arthritis Research



The winning team from KCS Transport Limited.

ARTHRITIS Research UK (formerly known as the Arthritis Research Campaign 'arc') held its fifth annual corporate Golf Day at Cottrell Park Golf Club and raised £5,000.

The cash will help the charity work to take the pain away from the thousands of people, including young children who suffer with this debilitating disease.

The sun shone on the 24 teams of golfers while they competed in the stableford competition. The winning team, who scored 120 points, were led by Ken Sievwright of KCS Transport Limited, who is an avid supporter of the charity. His team mates were Mark Merrett, Bob Penrose

and Dave Morgan. The prize was a four ball at Whitchurch Golf Club and Cottrell Park Golf T Shirts for each of the players.

The day was finished off by a presentation for the first three winning teams, the winners of the longest drive, the nearest the pin and guess the number of balls lost!

An auction took place, where the participants were extremely generous and the players were later joined by family and friends to enjoy a hog roast meal.

The charity would like to thank David Johns-Powell and his staff at Cottrell Park Golf Club, who worked so hard to make the day possible and without the help of people like him and the general public, would not be able to carry out the research that it does, as Arthritis

Research UK receives no government funding whatsoever.

For details on forthcoming events and the work that is carried by Arthritis Research UK, contact Fred Johnson; Anna-Marie Jones or Joe Taylor on 01446 722957 or

fjohnson@arthritisresearchuk.org/a.jones@arthritisresearchuk.org/f.taylor@arthritisresearchuk.org.

CHARITY RACE NIGHT
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Vale of Glamorgan midweek cricket league round-up

THE rains finally arrived resulting in the cancellation of four of the scheduled fixtures.

However, the key fixture of the season between Barry Internationals and Llantwit Major Cavaliers was played at Penarth.

Batting first on a cold, cloudy night, Internationals piled up a score of 170 for 8, with Jeevan punishing the Cavaliers attack and scoring 78, including four sixes. Jack Lansdowne took 3 for 32 and Julian Griffiths 2 for 15.

The Internationals attack kept the Cavaliers reply under control throughout. Griffiths and Lansdowne both scored 41 not out, but the Internationals prevailed

by 41 runs to take over at the top of the table.

The match was well umpired by Messrs. Davies and Rogers who reported that the game was played in a very good manner.

With just four league games left to play it appears only a disaster could now prevent Internationals lifting the title.

Lisvane, 2009 champions, moved back into third place after defeating a depleted Pontygary by six wickets. Lloyd Bruce's unbeaten 24 was the only innings of note in Fonty's score of 81. Alex Curry (3 for 14) and Nick Haincock (4 for 16) did the damage with the ball for Lisvane, who knocked off the runs quickly, despite the efforts of

Matt Thomas who returned 2 for 13.

Previously, Fonty had rattled up a score of 161 for 6 to gain only their second win of the season, against Dinas Powys. Richard Jones scored 60 and Nicky Jones took 5 for 10 in just two overs to stun the Dinas batsmen.

Another bowler taking five wickets was Cogan's Dave Dibble, who returned the aston-

ishing figures of 5 for 1 at Pencoed. Chasing 112 to win, the Chiefs were led home by Lee Packer-Williams' 56.

Pencoed then travelled to Hayes Point and scored 118 for 7. Al Gregory top-scoring with 29 and Nimesh Suraya taking 2 for 5. Barry Wanderers, led by Ed Sherriff's unbeaten 58, stormed to a nine wicket win which keeps the club in fourth place.



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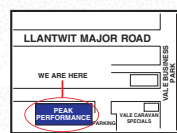
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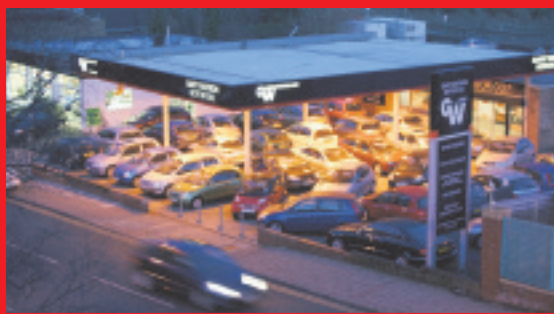
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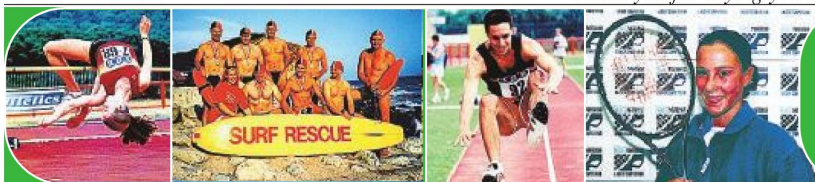
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COWBRIDGE CRICKET CLUB WEEKEND ROUND-UP

Losing toss is crucial – and First XI struggle on damp pitch after torrential rain

COWBRIDGE welcomed Clydach and the torrential rain of Friday night did not prevent the match from beginning on time, thanks to the investment in the new covers and the sterling work of grounds man.

Strong winds of the previous night must have contributed to some damp patches on the wicket, not serious enough to prevent play, but ensuring that it was a good toss to win.

Learning curve for third team

ON average, for Cowbridge players, it is 100 miles there and back to Ammanford, so for the game to be played there it must be worthwhile.

On the whole it was, despite another defeat for the West Wales side. The underlying reason has been discussed before, and on this occasion, with the total ages of the five youngest being less than the oldest, the known problem persists.

Cowbridge won the toss and, although Ammanford scored 199 for 8, there were some very good performances which just saved the addition of extra batting points at 200.

Above all, there was the consistent good fielding and commitment, for instance, newcomer Sam Walters throwing himself at a bullet-like cover drive and saving a four.

Some catchable chances went down, but in general they were a reflection of huge efforts to get at the ball at all. Nat Elliot-Green bowled with attack and thoughtfulness and deserved

The Clydach skipper won the crucial toss and chose to field, so the Cowbridge batters had to brave the vagaries of a rain affected wicket.

Soon in trouble they never recovered from a poor start. A combination of very lazy strokes and quite a spiteful wicket, as it dried, meant their lowest total of this season.

The nature of the dismissals (seven catches, one stumping and a run out) suggests that the batsmen were in a generous mood giving their wickets away rather than the bowlers earning

them.

In 40 overs they could only manage 88 runs between them. The wickets were shared among the Clydach bowlers, but the same could not be said of the First XI's runs. Tom Merilaht and Chris Willey were the only batsmen to reach double figures.

Tom managed 39 runs as he struggled bravely to hold his team together during his time at the wicket, but no other batsman was able to stay with him for any length of time to build a partnership.

He was out in the 25th over when the score was 61, and only Chris Willey (14) managed any runs of note after that. Such a low total was not going to put any real pressure on the opposition. A victory for the visitors was a certainty, as they needed just 89 runs in 59 overs.

As usual in low scoring cricket matches it transpired that the visitors began to struggle to reach their target. Another 50 runs from the home batsmen would have made for a very interesting outcome.

The visitors were reduced to 81 for 5, mainly owing to the fine bowling of Lloyd Bishop. He continues to impress and returned figures of 3-35 in 9 overs. However, they soon claimed victory in the 32nd over.

The First XI still sits on top of the division, but the gap between them and the chasing pack has narrowed considerably. A clearer focus and greater application by the batsmen is vital if they are to bounce back from this poor effort and maintain their position in the race for the title. Another performance like this will put their place in considerable jeopardy.

It is hoped that lessons are learned from this, and quickly. The next two fixtures are away from home. The second XI is

at home this weekend and welcomes your support. The First XI travels to Maesteg.

DL
Three out of three
AFTER last week's victory against L and ore, Cowbridge Seconds were hopeful of making it three in row against Clydach Saturday.

On a day perfect for cricket, Jonty Webb won the toss and invited Clydach to bat first on a rather green track.

John Gilbert, with Ali Bilal making his debut in the Seconds, again ably led the Cowbridge attack. Both set about the task admirably. John bowled a consistent line and length, with Ali bowling quickly, swinging the ball both ways.

This excellent bowling caused great problems for the Clydach batsmen who only managed to reach 65 runs after 25 overs.

At this point, Clydach realised that they would have to push on to set a competitive total; however James Thomas and Jamie Pursey made this quite difficult. Quite simply, the batsmen could not handle the excellent bowling from both.

James bowled superbly, with lots of variation that caused the batsmen huge difficulties and at the other end, with the ever-consistent Jamie giving nothing away, wickets began to tumble.

Clydach finally managed to post 139 runs off their 50 overs, with James finishing with a tremendous 5 for 25 off his 9 and Jamie 2 for 24 off 10 overs. This was a great all round bowling and fielding performance, but Cowbridge were aware that they would have to bat sensi-

bly to reach the total.

With a rearranged batting order, Jonty and Sam Wood opened, with Sam unfortunately going early. Then Chris Brace joined the skipper at the crease and they set about building a partnership.

The talented Chris played excellently, defending well and playing some superbly attacking shots against a vocal and fired up Clydach side, encouraged after an early wicket. Through good shot selection and running between the wickets the score began to rise.

Chris (21) was finally out with the score on 86. Despite another quick wicket, Cowbridge were never really in trouble in pursuit of the target. Alex Kurobasa joined Jonty at the crease and proceeded to despatch the bowling to all parts.

He scored a brisk 39 not out and in the end took Cowbridge to the target with 10 overs to spare. Jonty was also not out at the end, having made an unfussy and untroubled 59 runs.

This was a comprehensive victory for Cowbridge by seven wickets. The performances with bat and bowl were excellent and showed what talented cricketers Cowbridge have, with the exploits of Jimbo Thomas, Chris Brace and Alex Kurobasa standing out.

The second XI is at home next week to Maesteg, conscious that this will pose a far sterner test, but confident of chalking up a further victory to continue this excellent season.

JW

Disappointing week for men's and ladies' teams

IT has been a disappointing week for the Cowbridge men's and ladies bowling teams.

Maybe it was the change in the weather and having to cope with slower greens following the rain!

In the Saturday league

Good win for Vale under-13 cricket

THE Vale under-13s recorded a superb win away against a strong Lisvane team which featured several under-12 and under-14 county players.

Batting first, Lisvane lost both county openers to Jonny Harvey but then scored well.

However, a determined fight back, with wickets from under-12 county player Oliver Pike, then Ashford Thomas, Matt Harper and Adam Jones, contained Lisvane when they were heading towards a score of 120.

Under-12 county players Jonny Harvey and Billy Yates took the game out of Lisvane's reach early on with a sparkling 31 no (including seven fours from Harvey) and 14 from Yates. With the other batsmen all contributing, Oliver Pike and Tom Lucas saw the Vale home in a nail-biting finish!

game against St Josephs on the Cardiff green, Cowbridge were comprehensively beaten on all four rinks and by 101-61.

Rink scores: Roger Barwick's 13-21; Norman Wilkinson's 17-26; Byron Richard's 13-25; Dennis Snelling's 18-29.

For the midweek Munro Cup game at Barry Central, Cowbridge were without the captain and vice captain and was only able to field one recognised skip, so any points gained would be a bonus against a team third in the league.

In the event, Barry outscored Cowbridge on three of the four rinks. The winning Cowbridge quartet was Terry Dunsworth leading, Jim Hewlett, Steve Dickens and Michael Bradley as skip. Match score: Barry Central 74, Cowbridge 54. Match

points Barry Central 10, Cowbridge 2.

Rink scores: Byron Richard's 12-22; John Trott's 13-20; Michael Bradley's 17-7; Brian Williams' 12-25.

The ladies Tuesday match at home to Llantwit started in dry weather but lasted only 30 minutes when rain stopped play. The game will be replayed at a later date.

On Thursday, the ladies had a league game away to Cadoxton. Again, it was dry at the start but most of the game was played in the rain and on grass that was in need of a cut.

The ladies' indifferent form on grass continued, and Cowbridge lost on all three rinks and by 60-32.

Finally, the closing date for the club's internal triples competition is August 7.

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